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# BASE BALL, ALL LIVE SPORTS

## OFFER OF \$500,000 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ROGERS HORNSBY



Nettled because of the numerous reports involving the possible sale of Rogers Hornsby, heavy hitting star of the St. Louis Cardinals, Manager Branch Rickey recently issued a statement in order to make it plain that there is not a remote chance of any other club purchasing the player.

**Stories Not New.**  
Rickey's statement, in part, follows: Papers have been printing stories about the sale of Rogers Hornsby. This is not new or unexpected, as Hornsby has been sold on several previous occasions. However, rumors are so persistent that even one club president is quoted as having become quite exercised about the sale of Hornsby.

In order to make it unnecessary for any one to devote his attention further to the St. Louis club and perhaps

serve the further purpose of again identifying Rogers Hornsby as a regular member of the Cardinal club, I will say once more that Hornsby is not for sale.

**Obligations Met Promptly.**  
Two or three stories have been printed to the effect that the St. Louis club has very heavy obligations to meet in the payment to Mrs. Britton for the club. All of these obligations have been met fully and promptly. There is an erroneous impression back of such stories regarding the financial backing of the St. Louis club.

Now, as to the sale of Hornsby. We have been offered \$200,000 in cash and two players for Hornsby. Our reply was that if you change the two to five our answer is the same, "Not interested."

## SEES CLOSE RACE FOR FLAG

Tris Speaker Believes Any Team With Good Pitching Staff Has Chance to Win Pennant.

It is going to be a close race in Ban Johnson's ball league this year, Tris Speaker believes. He says: "Any team with a good pitching staff is bound to hang up near the top of the ladder, for the pitching department is the most important asset of a



ball club. I think the western clubs are stronger this year, even Detroit. The Tigers will get away one of these days. The race will be much harder this season than it has been in several years and there will be no elimination of half the clubs before the season is half over, the way I size it up now."

## JADDA GHEB IS SIGNED

Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals, while in Pittsburgh, signed a young pitcher, an answer to the name of Jadda Gheb, sounds like the leading character in a Hindu tale. Jadda has been pitching for an independent team in Pittsburgh and is said to be quite a prospect. He grew up on the Pittsburgh lots and in spite of his queer name is a native American.

## IS PRIZE RECRUIT TWIRLER

Honk Harris of Philadelphia Athletics, Has Wonderful Speed, Curves and Courage.

The prize recruit twirler of the American league this year is Honk Harris, the slender Athletic pitcher. Harris is six feet six inches tall and has wonderful speed, curves, change of pace and courage. He hurled for the Houston Texas league club last year. Much, also with the Moels, was his battery partner.

## IT PAYS TO BE SURE

It pays to keep up and make sure. In the twelfth inning of a recent Pittsburgh-New York game Burns was on third and Fletcher on first and two out. A double steal was put on and Schmidt chased Burns back to the bag and "thought" he tagged him. Umpire Bill Klem said nothing. The Pirates started to leave the field. Burns dashed for home. Carter still had the ball. Cuthbert had reached the home plate. Carter threw to him and Burns was tagged for sure this time, as Klem solemnly bawled "Out." It was a narrow escape.

## NOTES of the DIAMOND

Pitcher Artie Nehf of the Giants is showing a big improvement over his early season work and promises to get back into his old-winning stride.

The Cleveland and the New York Americans are both great hitting teams, but for the old tear the cover off slugging the Yankees seem to have it on the Indians.

The veteran, John McCloskey, is coming into his own this season. His Memphis team is tearing along at top speed out in front in the Southern league.

After the Syracuse International league team had lost 14 games in a row, the York Staters came back and defeated Baltimore twice in succession.

Jack Daubert may not be the most widely advertised player on the Cincinnati team, but there are none more valuable than he.

Ping Bodie is almost as popular among the New York baseball scribes as Babe Ruth.

Aside from Rogers Hornsby the Cincinnati players seem to be hogging the batting honors in the National league.

The Brooklyn fans are all roused up over the pennant fight and intend to see to it that the Dodgers do not get the worst of it if they can help it.

Bobby O'Farrell continues to shine back of the plate.

The Cincinnati club has released Joe Meyer, the young college first baseman to Terre Haute of the Three-I league.

St. Louis fans have come out of their long sleep and show signs of much life these days as the result of the great showing of both the Browns and Cardinals.

Casey Stengel and Cy Williams are playing great ball for the Phillies.

If somebody does not stop Babe Ruth he is liable to wreck all the fences in the American league ball parks, to say nothing about the houses adjoining the parks.

Manager Mitchell of the Cubs made a ten-strike when he grabbed Zeb Terry from Pittsburgh at the waiver price. Zeb has been going great guns ever since he joined the Chicago team.

Clark Griffith says the Indians look to be the best in the American league, with New York, St. Louis and the White Sox all having a strong chance.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the Cubs' famous right-handed pitcher, is not as steady as in pre-war days, an occasional wild pitch being chalked against him.

## FLING AT CUP TO COST IN EXCESS OF MILLION



Sir Thomas Lipton.

A careful reckoning up of expenses by a person close to the Lipton interests shows that this fourth attempt to lift the American Cup will cost the Shamrock's owner a sum well in excess of \$1,000,000.

This will be Sir Thomas' last fling at the cup. If he wins it he will consider his bill of \$1,000,000 cheap. If he loses—well, he is considered the best sportsman who ever tried to take the cup away from here.

In any event, win or lose, this will be his last venture in international yacht racing.

## SLUGGER JACKSON SAYS TY COBB'S WONDERFUL SPEED BEATS HIM OUT



JACKSON, CHICAGO COBB, DETROIT

Ty Cobb is faster than Joe Jackson, but the White Sox slugger can hit better. The Georgian gets many a safe hit from laying them down and out-speeding the ball to first, while Jackson has to resort to longer drives. Joe says:

"I always did want to lead the league in hitting, but I'd rather see our club win than gain any special honors myself. In ten years I have never been under 300 and once I went over 400, and Cobb has always been a little out of my reach. He can run faster than I, which accounts for a lot of things, and he ought to get credit for it, because that is a part of the game. I'd like to beat him out, though, and who knows but that this may be my year."

## NOT FOOLING BABE RUTH

"They say pitchers are fooling you with slow balls. How about it?" was a question put to Babe Ruth. "Wrong dope. I get crossed up now and then by a pitcher, as any batter will, and it's when that happens that you see me swing and miss. The dope once was that I couldn't hit left-handers, but I'm doing fairly well against 'em now. Anyway, I'm 'way ahead of my record at this time of the year!"

## SPORTING NOTES

Boston may drop school boy rowing.

Detroit will have two Harmsworth cup challengers.

Penn State college has raised the price of tickets for athletics there from \$6 to \$15.

American Olympic games athletes will go to Antwerp in United States transports.

Fifty-nine drivers won races on the Grand circuit last year, 27 taking one race each.

Billiard rooms are a part of dwelling equipment in late operations in Philadelphia.

New York city and vicinity boasts 250 play grounds and general recreation centers for children.

Captain Jim Ten Eyck of Syracuse, will take up the task of instructing the Duluth Boat club oarsmen.

Thirteen Japanese athletes are in this country on their way to Antwerp to participate in the Olympic games.

Pop Geers, veteran Grand circuit driver, has 26 head in training at North Randall, his largest stable in many years.

Tommy Tounge is a comer among the little scrappers of the country. He has boxed two no-decision bouts with Frankie Mason.

Billy Shade, four-round fighting whiz, has sailed for Australia, where he has three bouts booked. His manager is Jimmy Gilfeather.

Carl Johnson (Michigan U.) has been awarded the conference medal. It is given to one athlete in every Big Ten school for athletic and scholastic ability.

It was just 24 years ago on Memorial day that doctors advised Frank Kramer, then a sickly, skinny kid, to take up cycling. He rode his first race in 1896.

Four of Penn state's football stars have accepted coaching jobs. "Red" Henry, another graduate, will take up medicine instead of football as a profession.

Samuel J. Dallas, president of the Amateur Athletic union, says the coach of the American Olympic team may not be selected until after the final tryouts.

Everett L. Bradley, winner of the pentathlon at the University of Pennsylvania relay games last April, has been elected captain of Kansas university track team for 1921.

## LAUDS WHITE SOX OUTFIELD

Manager Huggins of Yankees Thinks Felsch, Leibold and Jackson Are Strong Players.

The manager of the Yankees has a good outfield, but he admits that Kid Gleason has a sweeter one. He says: "I think one of the best outfields I have ever seen is the White Sox trio. I'm talking about an outfield that combines both offense and defense. Felsch, Leibold and Jackson are not only good hitters, but they are finished outfielders and in the sheer mechanics of baseball. More than all, they are great throwers. I have rarely seen them make a mistake. Time after



Manager Miller Huggins.

time they cut off runs by perfect throws to the plate. They constitute a great trio, and no ball club with a bunch like them can help being formidable and since Cleotis has come back without the use of the 'shiner,' or the myth, at least, the Sox have the pitching, too."

## AUSTRALIAN WOOL IS CAUSE

Yarn Put into Baseball Is Said to Be Responsible for Hard Hitting This Year.

There been some slashing hitting in baseball this year, which, Ban Johnson says, is due in part to the quality of balls. A better quality of horsehide is being obtained by the manufacturers and they are getting yarn of Australian wool, something they weren't getting previously. The yarn is of a quality which gives added liveliness and resiliency to balls, hence their greatest spring and impetus when leaving the bat. However, they could be wrapped with lead and Babe Ruth would drive them.

## MUST USE THEM HIMSELF

The manager of a certain minor league club in the middle West wired Manager Gavy Cravath of the Phillies: "Have you a pitcher to spare who could win in class B?" Cravath answered: "I have six or eight class B pitchers, but I have to use them myself."

## COOK TWIRLS PERFECT GAME

Pitcher of Aspinwall Team of Pittsburgh Does Not Allow a Hit or Issue a Single Pass.

"Deacon" Cook, pitching for the Aspinwall team of Pittsburgh, an amateur nine, twirled a perfect game the other day. Only 27 batters faced him. He did not allow a hit or give a pass and was faultlessly supported.